

STARTFORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

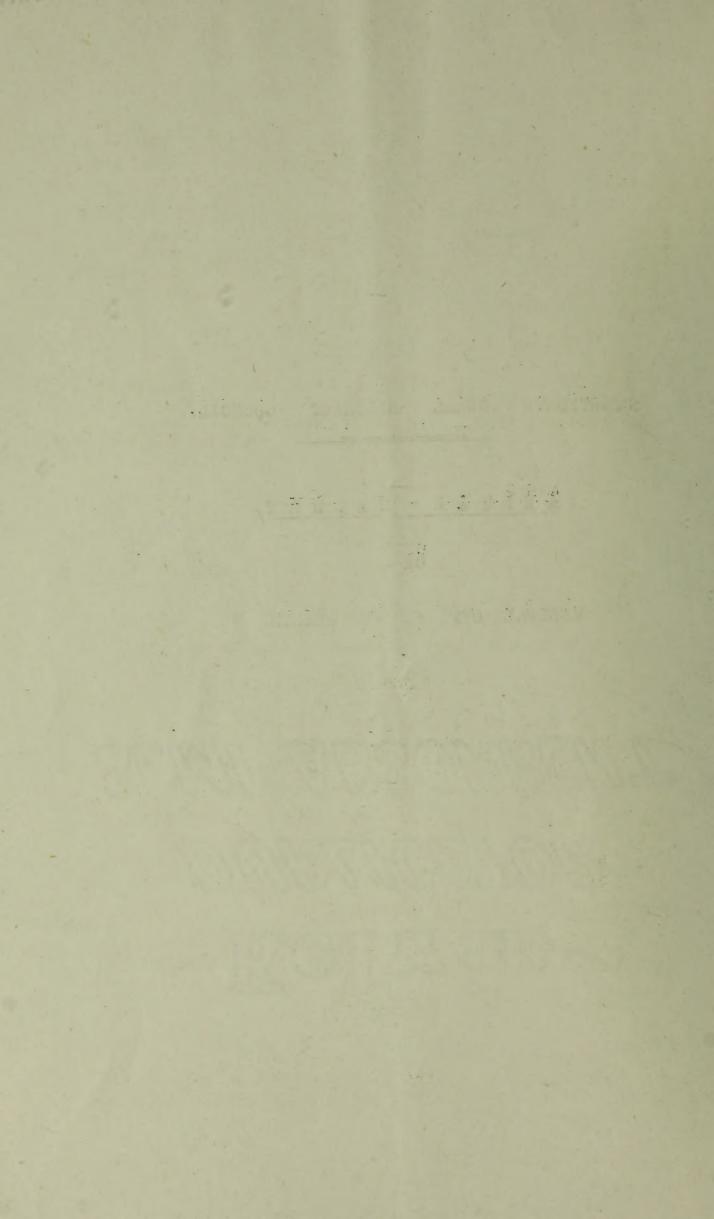
ANNUAL REPORT

OF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

1948



STARTFORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mrs. Field and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Report on the health of the Startforth Rural District for the year ended ZLst December, 1948.

As I was not appointed Medical Officer of Health until the 18th July, 1949, I am unable to present a comprehensive survey of the general health of the District for the year under review and must confine the report to the statistics, with comparisons where available.

PUBLIC HEADTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health - A. Loishman, M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector - T. Ashcroft, C.R. S.I.,
Ass.M.Inst.San.Engs.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of the District, 97,630 Acres
Population, 4,043
Number of Inhabited houses, 1,294
Rateable Value, £54,222
Sum represented by a penny rate, £227. 6s. 10d.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEATTH SERVICES.

Laboratory facilities for assistance in diagnosis of certain infectious diseases is available at the Emergency Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton.

Nursing in the Home, is catered for efficiently by six District Nursing Associations and their Nurses also act as Health Visitors under the County Council Scheme.

Hospittal and Ambulance Services.

An ambulance has been provided for cases other than infectious diseases.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

The number of Births in the District notified during the year was 85, as against 81 in the previous year.

Birth Rate Comparisons.		Per 1,000 population (4043).	
Startforth Rural District,	1947	-	19.30
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England and Wales,	1948	-	17.90

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ANALYSIS.

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Legitimate, Illegitimate,	-	1	

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There was no case of a woman dying in, or in consequence of childbirth during the year out of a total of 85 registered births.

Comparisons.

	Per 1,000 total births
Startforth Rural District, 1947	Nil
" 1948	Nil
England and Wales, 1948	1.02

INFARTILE MERCALITY

She number of infants under one year who died during the year was 4 (Males) as against 3 in 1947.

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		live births.
Startforth Rural District,	1947	37.08
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England and Wales,	1948	. 34.00

DEATHS.

During 1948 there were 54 deaths from all causes registered as against 59 in 1947.

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Other forms of Tuberculosis,	1			
Measles,				1
Acute Poliomyelitis and				
Policencephalitis,	2			
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum,	1		•	
" of breast,		1.	•	1
" of all other sites,	1	2	2	2
Diabetes,		:	•	2 1 3
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions,	10	7	5	3
Heart Diseases.	12	8	12	7
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Bronchitis,	2	1		
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Nephritis,	3		1	3
Promature Birth,			2	
Congential Malformation:		100		10
birth injuries etc.,		1	1	
Suicide,		ī		i
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		1947 Rate per 1,000 Pop.	No.	1948 Rate per 1,000 Pop.
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diseases, Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions,	3 7	1.67	8	1.98
Dotals,	46	10.96	37	9.15

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There were 206 cases of infectious diseases notified during the year, as against 59 in 1947.

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Scarlet Fever, Whooping Gough, Diphtheria, Measles, Acute Pneumonia, Erysipelas, Acute Polimyletis,	2 11 40 2 -	16 16 164 5 5
Botals.	59	206

Tuberculosis.

There were two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one case of Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year as against 5 Pulmonary Tuberculosis and no Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis notifications in 1947.

Deaths.	Pulmonary T/B	Non Pulmonary T/B
1948 1947	1 2	ī
Motal number of	inspections made	
for nuisan Nuisances found Notices served Notices served	'Informal,	175 86 22 82

Rural Housing Survey

the following number of houses have been inspected during the year, namely - 98 houses.

The result of the Categories being as follows:-

1.	Satisfactory in all respects,	30
2.	Minor defects.	34
	Repairs or structural alterations.	34
4.	Suitable for Housing (Rural	
	Workers) Acts.	78
5.	Unfit,	Nil.

Closet Accommodation.

The majority of the houses within the district are on the pail or privy system. Until the Parishes are sewered and provided with adequate water supplies conversions cannot be entertained. Schemes are in hand for this work to be carried out.

Number of new W.C's erected, 7 Number of Pails converted to W.C's, 12 Number of Privies converted to W.C's. 6 to shoe tracmon ban sley fan A

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Scavenging.

Public scavenging is in operation in the following Parishes, Startforth, Lartington, Cotherstone,
Romaldkirk, Mickleton, Holwick, Rokeby, Bowes, Boldron,
Hutton Magna, Ovington, and Barningham. Two
Karrier Scavenging vehicles with a driver/loader,
and loader are employed on each. The refuse is deposited at 3 tips, one at Mickleton, one at Rokeby,
and one at Barningham.

Infectious Diseases.

I have investigated the following number of Infectious Diseases:-

Scarlet Fever,.... 4
One verminous house also dealt with.

All rooms occupied by patients have been promptly and efficiently fumigated with formalin gas.

Factory Act 1937-1948

We have on our Register 17 premises. Inspections have been made during the year with reference to cleanliness, sanitary conveniences, temperature, and ventilation.

Number of inspections, 15 Number of defects found, 5

Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops.

During the year no complaints with regard to dirty milk etc., have been received.

Number of persons on the Registers, 383 Number of inspections, 92

Structural alterations have been carried out in many cases during the year.

The cleanliness and methods of handling and production of milk are good. The quality of the milk is good, and the Retailers deliver in properly capped bottles, or cartons in most cases.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

We have 5 private slaughter houses licenced by the Council. No slaughtering takes place at the present time within our area. All meat inspections being carried out at the Public Abbattoir at Barnard Castle.

The undermentioned food was condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

20 lbs. Butter, 12 lbs. Mutton.

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Rodent Control.

Much work has been done under this heading during the year. We have a part time Rodent Officer, and during the year the refuse tips and sewers and disposal works and a few private dwellings have been dealt with.

I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to your Sanitary Inspector, Captain Ashcroft, who, together with his staff, have diligently helped with the work of the Department and have given me the greatest possible assistance in preparing this report,

I am,

Mrs. Mield and Gentlemen, Your obedient servant.

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Medical Officer of Health.

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